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[Despatch Abstract.]

Harijan Welfare - Recommendation of the Provincial Harijan Welfare Committee - Special Disabilities of food - Stuffs and Clothing Papers - Recorded.

Subject:- Special Disabilities of Harijans -
Distribution of Food and Clothing.

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Extract from page 28 of the Report of the Harijan Welfare Committee:-

12. SPECIAL DISABILITIES.

The disabilities under which these people are suffering are many and varied. The prime Cause of these is the age-long oppression, which we find is slowly disappearing. Here we do not propose to deal with those disabilties that have now been removed by the various enactments on the workin of which we have been specifically called upon to report But we have to bring to the notice of the Government certain specific disabilties, as it is absolutely necessary to have them redressed as early as possible. The first thing we would like to mention is the lack of proper distribution of food and clothing. The poverty and ignorance of the Harijans are exploited by the merchants and as a consequence the suppl of these prime necessities is neither adequate nor satisfacto To a certain extent this has been minimised by licences both for the grain and cloth shops being given to the Harijans the selves. But the problem is still there and we request the Government to enquire into the matter and render speedy justi

Necessity for proper distribution of foodstuffs and clothing.

The merchants are really responsible for the mal-distribution. ome special methods like the running of shops by the Government themselves or the manning of those shops by people weill known for their sympathy should be undertaken.

To.A.S. Food is being gradually decontrolled and the contro in respect of cloth has already been removed. Licences are not at present necessary to deal in either handloom or mill cloth. In the circumstances no special facilities to the Harijans for the supply of cloth or foodstuffs seem necessary Food may see for remarks if any.

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26-6-48.

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To.A.S

In G.O.Ms.No.591 Food dated 26-7-46 the Government ordered that the rule about one year's previous standing in business might be waived in the case of Harijans and that they might be granted ration shops for distribution of foodstuffs to the members of the Harijan Community provided they have the means of their own or they can raise funds from a Bank or some other Institution to carry on trade on their own account and provided they are recommended by responsible persons or associations and are in the opinion of the licensing authority deserving of such treatment. This order is still in force. No further concession seems necessary in the matter of distribution of foodstuffs to Harijans at this stage when food is being gradually decontrolled withe these remarks the file may be returned.to development Department. I Agree.

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22-6-48.

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Development Department

Food Department note on page 1-2 above may be perused. No furtber action seems necessary in this file.

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Firka Development Department.

The notes of Development and Food Departments above may be perused. The papers may be recorded.

Sd.....
15-10-49.

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